

CITIZENS ON WATCH

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Cold Case Murder Suspect Arrested

A suspect from a twelve year old homicide case was recently arrested. In 2004, a 27 year old female was discovered with a single gunshot wound by a construction worker. It originally took several months to identify the victim because she was determined to be an illegal alien. The suspect was a 16 year-old male from Mexico who had a lengthy history with violence, drugs, and guns. Goodyear Police attempted to apprehend the subject but he had fled to Mexico prior to being contacted. The case was eventually placed inactive and became a "cold case."

During an annual review of the cold case, DNA linked the male suspect to the crime and he was indicted for 1st degree murder by a Grand Jury. The suspect was recently arrested by Border Patrol in Douglas, AZ as he attempted to cross the border. Goodyear Detectives were notified and responded to the Douglas AZ to conduct an interview with the suspect. Detectives were able to obtain a confession from the suspect and he was booked into jail on 1st degree murder charges. Detectives did an outstanding job with the case and were able to close a twelve year old homicide case.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

REDEDICATION CEREMONY AT PARQUE-DE-PAZ JAN 12TH 12-2 PM

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Habitual Vehicle Burglary Suspect Apprehended.

In the past month, there have been ten (10) burglaries from motor vehicles from the parking lot of the Best Western Hotel located at 55 N. Litchfield Rd. These burglaries have caused numerous citizens to be victimized with several thousand dollars in financial loss. Detailed police reports, descriptions from citizens and victims led to the eventual arrest of the suspect.

Officers were recently conducting random business checks in the area of the recent vehicle burglaries. Officers noticed a suspicious male subject on a bicycle in the parking lot of the Best Western motel. When officers attempted to contact the individual, he fled the area on his bicycle. A perimeter was established but the individual was able to evade being located by officers. Eventually the suspect was located in the area of Central and Dysart. He was detained for jumping residential fences in the neighborhood. He was arrested for trespassing, but at the time there was nothing else relating him to the ten vehicle burglaries.

Detectives were contacted and developed an interrogation plan based on the information from the prior burglaries. Detectives were able to obtain a full confession on all the vehicle burglaries. The suspect provided detailed information how the crime was committed and where the stolen property was taken.

Remember, do not to leave valuables in your car and report suspicious activity.

Observation Skills

Goodyear Police have been speaking to local residents about increasing their observation skills. Recent major incidents around the country have been causing concerns around schools and public places. Citizens are being asked to be aware of their surroundings when out in public. Report suspicious individuals and activity and help the police prevent criminal activity.

Martin Luther King Day

A federal holiday which is held on the third Monday of January celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr. He was an influential American civil rights leader most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States. His most famous speech was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Martin Luther King was assassinated in 1968. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000

Carbon Monoxide

Each year in America, unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning claims more than 400 lives and sends another 20,000 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself from deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

Understanding the Risk







What is carbon monoxide?

- > Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste or smell the toxic fumes, CO can kill you before you are aware it is in your home.
- At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. These symptoms include headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure.

Where does carbon monoxide come from and who is at risk?

- > CO gas comes from several sources: gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning fireplaces and motor vehicles.
- Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. Medical experts believe that unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens and people with heart or lung problems are at even greater risk for CO poisoning.

What Actions Do I Take if My Carbon Monoxide Alarm Goes Off?

- What you need to do if your carbon monoxide alarm goes off depends on whether anyone is feeling ill or not.
 - ➤ If no one is feeling ill:
 - ❖ Silence the alarm.
 - ❖ Turn off all appliances and sources of combustion (i.e. furnace and fireplace).
 - ❖ Ventilate the house with fresh air by opening doors and windows.
 - ❖ Call a qualified professional to investigate the source of the possible CO buildup.

➤ If illness is a factor:

- **&** Evacuate all occupants immediately.
- Determine how many occupants are ill and determine their symptoms.
- Call your local emergency number and when relaying information to the dispatcher, include the number of people feeling ill.
- ❖ Do not re-enter the home without the approval of a fire department representative.
- ❖ Call a qualified professional to repair the source of the CO.

Protect Yourself and Your Family from CO Poisoning

- Install one carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms.
- Make sure the alarm has been evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing symptoms when you hear the alarm. This does not mean that CO is not present.
- > Have a qualified professional check all fuel burning appliances, furnaces, venting and chimney systems at least once a year.
- Never use your range or oven to help heat your home and never use a charcoal grill or hibachi in your home or garage.
- Never keep a car running in a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.

The presence of a carbon monoxide alarm in your home can save your life in the event of CO buildup.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q: What is suspicious activity?
- A: Anything that feels uncomfortable or looks out of place.
- Q: What do you do if you see suspicious activity? Do need to call the Police?
- A: YES, report suspicious activities, such as people looking into vehicles, unusual events, incidents and dangerous situations. The police department works 24/7 and is here to protect and serve the community. They will not send you a bill if the activity is deemed safe.
- *Q:* What information should you be prepared to inform the dispatch operator?
- A: Inform the operator of what you observed. Include the physical settings, the people and vehicles observed, direction of travel if they have left the area. Any specific details and any routines you noticed.

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- Q: Is there anything I can do to notify the police if you go on vacation?
- A: You can place you house on a vacation watch. This simple step notifies the police how long you will be gone, if anyone should be on your property, and even provides an emergency contact if something does happen while you are gone. Contact the police at 623-932-1220 to set up your next vacation watch.
- Q: Should I shred my personal documents or just through them in the trash?
- A: Please shred your documents if possible. Criminals can use the information obtained from your trash to commit identity theft. It can take months to years to repair the damage a citizen experiences from identity theft.